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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is in response to the Office Action of April 9, 2001, in the above-identified patent application. These documents are due on or before July 9, 2001, without extension.

No fee is believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 17564-136.

AMENDMENTS UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-7, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 15-18 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 8, 11, 14 and 24 as follows:

8. (Amended) An apparatus for supporting and tensioning a stencil to enable solder printing of circuit boards and other electronic substrates, comprising:
- a support frame;
 - at least two pairs of opposed mounting members engaged with the support frame,
 - with at least one member in each pair of mounting members being reciprocally displaceable toward the other member of the pair, with each mounting member including